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A MIGHTY SHOUT FOR LOW.

No sooner had the Mayor spoken the name of Mr. Low than the whole vast audience sprang to its feet and cheered and shouted the name Seth Low. Through the vast hall the mighty out rolled and echoed and re-echoed. When newed strength again and burst forth with greater volume than ever. In the midst of the hubbub a number of men bearing transparencies rushed down the centre aisle. The signs bore the words: "Vote For Home Rule," mash the Machines," "The Choice of the ance brought out the cheers again more than ever. It was fully three minutes before anything like quiet was regained, and then Mayor Strong shouted "Give three cheers and one cheer more for the next Mayor of the Greater New-York," and they were given with tremendous

MR. LOW'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Low's speech was characteristic of the It denied the right of any body of men to prevent the people from participating in the nominations, and enunciated the principle of Every word was listened to with the closest attention and the enthusiasm burst out after aithe Citizens Union ticket was the only one that Republicans were likely to support that was really fighting Tammany Hall, and he ap-Mayor Strong's administration for daring to spend what it ought to spend in order to make the city habitable for the masses of the

ing to spend what it ought to spend in order to make the city habitable for the masses of the people. Mr. Low spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and rehow-citizens: I need not say that this piedge of nepuodean support for my candidacy as an independent nominee in this clocation is peaularly grathyms. (Applicable) It is gratifying first of an because it brings to me the gratifying first of an because it brings to me the gratifying first of an because it brings to me the assurance that my course nitherto commands the assurance that the applicable of the still a strong spirit in the Republican party of this city that piaces scally to the principles of the party above fearly to the organization. (Applicable and the first that of the party above fearly to the principles of the party; and tested by that samara, ciples of the party; and tested by that samara, ciples of the party; and tested by that samara, correspond that we must go over, inevitably, some of the same ground, but there is no harm in that, for the party man puts it in a different way. I take it that it is not open to dispute that the Republican organization this year has piaced its candidates on which it placed his Hour, Jayor Strong, three years ago. (Applause.) Three years ago it adopted a non-partisan platform and entered into a alliance with every sort of Democratic organization upon that basis. This year it has put candidates of without a single one of the allies that walk side by side, or that walked side by side in the fight without a single one of the allies that walk side by side, or that walked side by side in the fight without a single one of the allies that walk side by side, or that walked side by side in the fight.

COMPARED WITH THE 1894 PLATFORM. It has been said, and correctly said, that so far as the issue of non-partisanship is concerned, the platform of the Chizens Union upon which I stand is precisely the platform of the Coramittee of Seventy, which was innorsed by the Republican party three years ago. (Applause.) The best evidence of the identity of the two in that particular is to be found in the fact that with the exception of the Republican party through its official organization, every other element. I limit, with passibly the exception of the O'Brien Democracy, that then fought shoulder to shoulder, is supporting the candidate of the Clitzens Union and the platform upon which he stands (Applause.)
Therefore, this at least is clear, tout the Republican city campaign this veer is being deliberately fought upon a different issue from that which led to success three years ago. The political sagnetty which has created that attaction, I take, is fairly open to question by the Republicans of the rank and file. But I suppose it may be urged that as to matters municipal a city organization may change its attitude without criticism at each recurring contest. If that were all there is of it, I think that would have to be admitted, but in this instance that is not all there is of it. It has been said, and correctly said, that so far

THE CONSTITUTION'S PROVISION.

The Republican party of the State has expressed itself upon this question. It did so in the Constitu-tional Convention held in the year 1894, when it submitted to the people of the State amendments elections, and the reason that they gave for that proposal was that city elections might be carried on as little as possible under the influence of State and National issues. (Applause). The committee that reported that proposed amendment went even further. They said they thought that if that amendment should be approved by the people of the State it would be not only of great direct benefit for the crites, but it would be an announcement by the people of the State that municipal questions were no longer to be made secondary to State and National issues. So the Republican party of the State appealed to the people, and the people indersed the appeal to put city questions on this basis. to the Constitution providing for separate city

dotsed the appeal to put city questions on this basis.

Now, in the presence of these facts. I want to know what authority the Republican City Convention of this Greater New-York had, from the party point of view, to negative the policy of the party, as declared by the Constitutional Convention, as inderesed by the people of the State, so as to come before us now saying this is a part of last year's fight, and it is a part of the fight of 100 on National questions. (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of the fight of 100 on National questions, (Applicable of 100 on National security of the fight of 100 on National security of the fight of 100 on National security of the fight of 100 on National security of 100 on National questions o

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Colgate & Co., was expected to continue to make its nominations, but I do not think that it could have been assumed that at the very first occasion when this principle was to be put into operation on a great scale the was to be put into operation on the put into operation of the put into operation on the put into operation of the put into operation on the put into operation of the put into operation on the put into operation of the put into operation of the put into operation on the put into operation operation of the put into operation ope

LAUTERBACH'S DECLARATION.

And I would ask you to notice that in nothing that has been said, and in nothing that has been dene by the Republican organization, have they ever intimated the slightest willingness this year to conduct the campaign on municipal issues only. Mr. Lauterbach, speaking as chairman of the County

that were read by His Honor the Mayor. (Applause.) They were instructive simply as figures,

reached in the convention were toose that resident of New-York? (A voice, "No; Tloga.")

In the midst of the campaign I sometimes question whether what one reads in the papers is to be literally believed, and yet I suppose that the statement was literally correct that appeared in a number of the papers the other day that he had just returned from Owego, where he had gons to register. (Laughter.) Now, don't you see that the attenut to control the situation in the city of New-York through the operations of a machine, itself controlled by one not a resident of the city, is to deprive the city of New-York, at the very outset, so far as that side of the house is concerned, of the slightest semblance of home rule. (Applause.)

CROKER'S "HOME RULE."

But I should be singularly unjust if I permitted any one to believe that I thought for a moment the home rule you are offered on the other side was any more to be desired. (Laughter.) I think the home rule you are offered on the other side was any more to be desired. (Laughter.) I think such a spectacle has never been presented before in a free country as the return of Mr. Croker from his racing days in England (hissen to dictate to a Tambany Hall whom they should nominate—in other words, the home rule. What that illustrates means that New-York is to be permitted, if it whit, to vote for the man whom he has selected, having returned for that especial purpose. (Laughter, I suppose it would be ungrateful on the part of the clitzens not to recognize his thoughtfulness in our pheasit. (Laughter and appliance.)

But I should like to ask, ou the other hand, whether the written request of more than 125,000 of the people of the city is not a better title deed to a nomination. O'relonged appliance.) In my judgment, fencilemen, this whole controversy involves the very question of home rule.

When our Charter Commission was in session, I think there was one thing upon which every member was agreed. They wanted to restore to the city of New-York the power to shape its own destincts in local matters much more freely than it had enjoyed that power for many years past, i suppose you know that of hat years whenever it was necessary to borrow money for school buildings, as special law had to be massed to give the city authority. That is as true of the city of Mrooklyn as of the city of New-York. In the charter that is changed. The city authorities can borrow money for school buildings, and other public buildings under the authority of the charter, and without going to the Legislature for it. (Applause.)

THE SPIRIT OF ROME RULE. t recall that two of the Republican Senators, when they became familiar with that feature of the charter, men from the interior of the State, expressed their utmost satisfaction. They said that they were glad of it, because they believed

that they were glad of it, because they believed that New-York knew better what it needed in such ways then the Legislature. Cappiause.) And they added this significant statement, that it would be as good for the rest of the State as it was for the city of New-York; that a great part of the time and the thought of the Legislature was taken up in legislating as to the details of the lives of these cities, and they were not free to give the consideration that they ought to give to the large affairs of the State. I think that artitude is absolutely correct, but it implies home rule, not simply in the charter; it implies home rule not simply in the charter; it implies home rule in the hearts of the people.

charter; it implies home rule in the hearts of the people.

Tou have got to elect your officials when you choose their on Election Day with reference to the good of the city, and with reference to nothing ene, if you expect the officials when you have chosen them to administer their offices with reference to the good of the city and with reference to nothing else (applause), and I consider that this attempt to mix up State and National issues with our local questions in this election is fraught with quite as much danger to the State and to the country as it is to the well-being of the city of New-York.

These are some of the reasons, gentiemen, why i think that the Republicans of this city ought to

it is to the well-being of the city of New-York.

(Applause.)

Those are some of the reasons, gentlemen, why I think that the Republicans of this city ought to support the candidacy that comes before them under such circumstances as being in line with the declared policy of the party. It may be that another time this policy may be carried out in a different way, but this at least is certain, that the only candidacy which represents the separation of municipal from outside issues this year for which Republicans can vote is the candidacy that I have the honor to represent. I merely want to say that I hope every man in this house win not on; has for that ticket, but that he will work for it from now until Election Day, and if he will do that I say that we thall have the pleasure of sending some telegrams to Washington, as His Honor the Mayer has indicated ought to be sent. (Applause)

WHAT MR ROOT SAID.

The prolonged cheering that followed the end of the candidate's speech was followed by three cheers for the people's candidate, proposed by a man in the gallery. Then Mayor Strong intro-duced Elihu Root. Mr. Root's speech was one of the remarkable features of the evening. A single sentence of that speech fired the audience into instant enthusiasm, like a spark of elec-

ricity. It was:
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Tracy if he were really running for office." This so pleased Mayor Strong that he leaped to his feet and led the tremendous cheering that followed. Mr. Root's speech was a masterly arraignment of the Republican organization for renouncing the principle of non-partisanshif adepted by the Republican State Convention when it indorsed the action of the Constitutional Convention, and he declared that the question was one of freedom within the party. During the latter part of his speech he had frequently to wait half a minute before the enthusiasm he evoked would allow him to proceed. He gake as follows:

the solemnly declared principles of our party in this State and city are false. (Applituse) He says to the members of the Republican party in this city: "If you do not recast your declaration of principles, whatsoever you believe, we will brand you as traitors." (Applicated).

Well, shall we recant? (Cries of "Never!") Because this county organization, sprung from the primaries of which you have heard, composed, as it was, sees fit to depart from the principles which you and I have taken our stand upon and belighe, shall we recant? (Cries of "No!") No; the Republican party never falled in its adherence to its principles.

Let county committees do what they like in their cord for onlice. (Laughter,) Let leaders of Mayorz do what they like in their struggle to retain
control; the greater part of the Republican party
responds to principles, and to principles only.
(Cheera) And I believe that the 16069 names and
more which declared in writing their wisa that
Soft Low applauses should be the Mayor of NewYork, knowing well the olatform on which he
stands, for he has stood there many a year tapplause)—I believe that those 16069 names, most of
them Republicans, better represent the true sentiment and the unfailing fain of the Republican
party than did the voice of Lemuel Ely Quigg
thisses easting the 191 votes of the silent delegates in the County Convention. (Applause and
laughter).
Shall we recause its not the principle right? Has
not the contrary of it kept this city under the
worst of governments for a generation? Has not
the application of it under the Mayoralty of Mayor.
Strong capplauses been the first burst of smallght
we have had for many a year? (Applause.) is it
not right that the one thing which has for a generation introceded a act of plunderers in the seats
of power in the city of New-York should be taken
away, so that public opportunity may lead to publie advantage, and public freedom may result from
priva e freedom in action of our municipal section?

Fellow-Democrats-and let me speak not only to

Fellow-Democrats—and let me speak not only to you, but through you to the Republicans who are meeting us on the street corner daily and almost hourly, and inquiring with earnest solicitude what is their duty to the party and to this country—not only to you, but through you to them this is a question which goes beyond even the defeat of Tammany Hall. It is the question of freedom in the party. (Applause)

But it is raid you must fight for General Tracy in order to save your party. (Laughter.) To save the party from what? From applying its own principles? Was ever the Republican party favored by that? Ah, no. Save the party? Save it from the great city? (Applause.) Save it from the success of our candidate standing on our principles, which is as certain as sunries to-morrow if we stand by him. (Applause and cheers.) Ah, let the gentlemen who have endeavored to destroy that opportunity, to destroy the opportunity to keep the government of the great new city out of the hands of Tammany itall for the next four years, look to the question as to who is chargeable with not saving the party. (Applause.) Let the gentlemen who, for the sake of control and of naming the offices, have chosen to ignore the principles and demand that the rank and file of the Republican party shall ignore its declared principles, look to it as to who shall be chargeable with not having saved the party.

But we are told you should save the country from Bryanism. 'Laughter.' Well, in Heaven's name, what has Bryan to do with this municipal contest? Did not the whole party say three years ago that the National Issue had nothing to do with municipal contests, and who says now that it has? One of the greatest misfortunes that has happened to this country for many years was the capture of the Democratic organization by the forces of repudiation and anarchy, which took Mr.

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Bryan for their leader. It was a great misfortune that the organization of a great party was captured and thereby the issue of repudiation and anarchy was thrust upon the people. If the Democratic party wants to let go of it, in Heaven's name why should not they be allowed to? (Applause and laughter.)

And who has been trying to thrust this issue into this campaign? Who has been trying to raise the spectre to frighten us with. Not the Democrats; not Mr. Lov's supporters, but with a square, simple municipal issue, our friends come from all over the country in support of General Tracy and say: "If you elect as Mayor of the city of New-York as Republican who believes in not using the office, the powers of his office, for the purpose of furnishing sinecures for a lot of political heelers, if you believe in electing as Mayor of New-York one who believes in actually and truthfully applying the declared principle of the Republican party, you are going to bring us all to Bryanism." (Applause.)

WHAT HE IS RUNNING FOR.

But he is not running for office. He is running to perpetuate the right of the Republican machine to places in the city of New-York by the people who have been elected to make the appointments. (Applause.) He is running to defeat not Tammany Hall, but to defeat Seth Low. But Mr. Low will be elected despite Mr. Tracy's nomination. (Great applause.) He is running to defeat Mr. Low will be elected despite Mr. Tracy's nomination. Great applause.) He is running to defeat Mr. Low because Mr. Low, when elected, would not take appointments for office from that same so-called regular Republican machine. (Applause.) Tract is what he is running for. He may not know B. I do not think he expected to run at all when he was nominated. (Laughter.) He may, in the heat of the conflict, have worked himself up to the situation where he thinks he is running for office. (Laughter.) But he is not. He is not a candidate for office. He is the great American curtius leaping into the yawning guif of non-parisanship for the purpose of saving the county machine. (Applause.)

Now, my friends, we are Republicans, and we

appearance on the rostrum for a considerable period, and the audience delighted to do him honor. The distinguished jurist and orator was period, and the audience delighted to do him honor. The distinguished jurist and orator was at his best, and kept the hall ringing with applause and laughter from the very first sentence that he spoke, He, too, affirmed the Republicanism of Seth Low and the principles for which he stands, and arraigned the Republican organization in scathing terms for the manner in which it had repudlated Republicanism. It had formed a partnership with Mr. Croker, he declared, and he convulsed the audience with his parody of a well-known nursery rhyme, which he recited just after referring to the possibility of Tammany's controlling the city and Platt the State. Mr. Choate's version ran like this.

Mr. Cheate's eloquent and witty speech was a

serious principles, as serious Republicans, and sin what I have to say I beg of you not to imagine that I entertain any personal feeling toward any of these men to whom I shall refer. I recognize the services they have rendered to their country. (Laughter.)

A SUGGESTION TO CROKER.

Take the great leader of Tammany Hall, whose name is no familiar that it does not even need to be whispered (Laughter.) I understand that he has won great credit for his country on the English turf. (Laughter.) But he does not seem really to

whispered. (Laughter.) I understand that he has wen great credit for his country on the Eaglish turf. (Laughter.) But he does not seem really to have won many prizes, although, if rumor tells the truth, he has met with a checkered career of gains and losses, and nas now come home to replentsh his exchequer. (Laughter and applaume.) I could give him a hint (laughter, by which his successes abroad would be greatly increased. I think that if he would name his horses that he takes abroad a little more properly he would have much greater and better luck. Let him name one of them Tammany and turne the other Tiega, and let him enter one of them in his own name and the other in the name of them in his own name and the other in the name of them wins, it would make no difference. (Applause and here to-night as a very antiquated fleuableau. I went in with Fremont in 1556, and have voted faithfully for every Republican candidate from that day to this, casting my vote twice for Harrison (appiause) and once for McKinley (appiause), and I hope to live long enough to cast it for that excellent statesman again. Now, let me tell you why: Hecause he had the heroic courage, in the face of the spodsmen of his own party, in the face of all those bosses and all its machines, to advance the cause of Civil Service reform one step further forward than even its most faithful advocates had even anticipated. (Applause.)

I understand it is announced to the set authority that Mayor Strong and General McCook and General Swayne and I ought to be read out of the Republican party for having dared to advocate the cause of Mayor Low for Mayor of New-York. Well curming to Mayor Strong, if they read us out. Mr. Mayor, it will not be for a very long while, after our forty-one years' service in the ranks. But better so, far better—a thousand times better—than that we knowld hand down our names to our sons, who are to come after us, branded as the men who were forced to the rear of the Republican machine, or by the one man who exercised his power over

PLAIN WORDS BEST.

Plain words are best in times like these, and if I call a spade a spade or a bess a boss or a machine a machine you will all understand very well that a machine you will all understand very well that I say exactly what I mean. Now, that non-partisanship in municipal affairs, that is to say, the treatment of municipal affairs as a matter of pure business, just as our private affairs or our corporate affairs would be treated by us in private corporate affairs would be treated by us in private corporations—if this is the fundamental principle of the Republican party as a principle, I do not need to say another word to you. If you have not been well chough informed about that by what has fallen from Mr. Low and Mr. Root, nothing i coold say would emphasize at all that fact. It is a fact that the great crying evil in this country is the mismanagement and corruption and demoralization that have prevailed throughout almost all the States of the Union. The Republican party could adopt no better plank in its platform than to put itself boldy and strongly, as it has for the last three years, before the emergency of this campaign came up, upon that every proposition. People in this city must be left to govern the rown affairs Now, my friends, that is a controversy and a fight between the mople of this city and those who seek to deprive them of their franchise to exercise their own amagement and their own control of their own business.

Let me invoke one Republican statesman and

business.

Let me invoke one Republican statesman and one Republican principle as he utters it. Abraham Lincoin was a pretty good Republican, wasn't he? (Applause.) Do you remember what he said at Gettysburg, standing over the ashes of the thousands who had given up their lives for their country? Said he: "Let us here highly resolve that our Nation have a new birth of freedom, so that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth." (Applause.)

UNLESS THE PEOPLE WIN.

Well, it will perish from the soil of these 316 souare miles that are to make up the territory of fight in which they are engaged against the poli-ticians. (Applause.) And there is only one leader with whom they can win that fight, only one name

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they can conjure with, and only one banner they can follow, and that is the name and the banner of Seth Low. (Great applause.)

When you Republicans are determining whether you will stand on that old constraint that rests upon us all to stand by our party, or whether you will stand by the people in this fight, I want you to remember two things: One, that unless Seth Low is elected Mayor of New-York the fortunes of this great municipality, its enormous revenue, its countiess affairs, its \$75,000,000 per annum to be collected and spent will be spent by Tammany Hall, unless the people are bold enough and strong enough to say that the man who has proven himself faithful over the few things of Brooklyn shall be put in command of all that they have to offer him. (Great applause.)

Well, that Isn't all. There is another evil much more tremendous than that, as it does appear to me, and that is government by machines and by hossism absolutely destructive of our municipal freedom and the right of every man to be heard and considered in the selection of the man who shall rule over him. There is one other fact staring us in the face more forcibly still than that, and to that I wish to call your particular attention now. Contemplate the horrible condition of this great city being handed over to Tammany Hall, the history of which you all know too well, and then, at the same time, also contemplate the position of the Legislature of the State of New-York, a working majority of its members being literally owned, as they have been in the last three years, by the machine of the other party. Is there anything more destructive of Republican government than that situation necessarily must be? The Legislature owned by one conspirator, and the city of New-York with all its vast affairs and resources, in the hands of another conspirator.

How does this one acquire such powers, more stupendous than monarch hardly ever exercises? Does anybody doubt how that is done? That is accomplished every year by the aid of many of the most reputable

Tom Platt could eat no fat, Croker could eat no lean:

opartnership: "When two men engage in the same ousiness and unite their capital and talents for the recognitishment of some purpose." Now, how are

man to say that in the Greater New-York, with a normal Democratic majority of 75,999, a straight Republican ticket could by any possibility be elected (Applause) Well, but General Tracy says he is running very well (laughter), and "The Sun" newspaper (laughter) and "The Sun" newspaper (laughter) and "Sun in the selfish and unmercenary disposition, devotes itself to his services, says he is running very well. (Laughter), Well, so did Napoleon run while on the homestretch from Waterloo (laughter and applause), with a demoralized army at his heels, making noise enough to rend the skies above them; and that is just exactly the way, and the only way, it, which General Tracy is running well.

THE FIELD ALREADY OCCUPIED.

Why, when General Tracy was nominated by-(A voice, "Platt." Great laughter and applause.) Now, remember, if anybody brings that up against me, that I dil not say that. (Great laughter.) Well, when General Tracy was nominated the field for a when General Tracy was nominated the field for a Republican candidate was already fully occupied. (Applause.) He was not nominated, and did not accept the nominaton for the purpose of running. He knew which way he would have to run. (Laughter.) But he accepted it, as he stated in his letter or speech of acceptance, for the purpose of withdrawing. (Laughter.) Now, there is one way in which that spotiess Republican candidate can do greater service to his country than he has ever done yet. There is one way, and only one way in this city of New-York which can absolutely insure us against the success and domination of Tammany, and that is by Benjamin F. Tracy carrying out the idea that he held forth in his letter of acceptance. (Great applause.)

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crat. (Applause.) He says he does not believe in that.

Well, let me give you an example in our city government of non-partisanship in the administration of affairs. It is unique. It stands by itself. It has risen, phœnix-like, out of the ashes and the muck and the mastiness with which Tammany had left this city government. Need I say that it is the Street Cleaning Department (applause), so heroically and so ably managed in the last three years by Colonel George E. Waring?

Now, our hope is if Seth Low is made the Mayor that the good work begun by Mayor Strong will continue and that every department of the city government will be conducted exactly on the same principle (applause); that thereby the health and comfort of the city will be promoted, the value of its property increased, and particularly the welfare and prosperity of all the working men of the city ministely promoted. (Applause.)

WHAT HE DOES MEAN.

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Now, what does General Tracy mean when he says that he does not believe in non-partisan ad ministration of municipal affairs? He means to refer to this, does he not, and go back to the old

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